"The Harlem Hellfighters".
Algernon Ward a World War I and World War II Historian visited DVVH to Celebrate Black History Month. He conducted a Living History Program about the “369th Harlem Hellfighters. The 369th Infantry Regiment, formerly known as the 15th New York National Guard Regiment, was an infantry regiment of the United States Army National Guard during World War I and World War II.
Black History Month Celebration

Harlem Hellfighters

The 369th Infantry Regiment, formerly known as the 15th New York National Guard Regiment, was an infantry regiment of the United States Army National Guard during World War I and World War II. The Regiment consisted mainly of African Americans, though it also included a number of Puerto Rican Americans during World War II. It was known for being the first African American regiment to serve with the American Expeditionary Forces during World War I. Before the 15th New York National Guard Regiment was formed, any African American that wanted to fight in the war had to enlist in the French or Canadian armies. The regiment was nicknamed the Harlem Hellfighters, the Black Rattlers and the Men of Bronze, which was given to the regiment by the French. The nickname “Hell Fighters” was given to them by the Germans due to their toughness and that they never lost a man through capture, lost a trench or a foot of ground to the enemy. The “Harlem Hellfighters” were the first all-black regiment who helped change the American public's opinion on African American soldiers and paved the way for future black soldiers.
April Walker-Taylor Mrs. Pennsylvania America 2016 and Roxanne Birchfield Mrs. Pike County PA. 2017, visited DVVH and spent the afternoon meeting many of our Veterans. Mrs. Pennsylvania was awarded the title on June 18, 2016 in Philadelphia, PA. Her platform is Autism Awareness and is a Licensed Behavior Specialist in the state of Pennsylvania. She graduated from the University of Maryland with a degree in Business Management and went on to receive a Masters degree in Human Services at Lincoln University.
Residents enjoyed a Valentine’s Day party with Entertainment by Howie Mack. Each resident also received Valentine’s Day cards from the following groups:
St. Jerome’s
St. Rocco’s
Pennwood Middle School
Tawanka Elementary
DAR/CAR Washington’s Crossing
Chapet of the Daughters of the American Revolution
Arts & Crafts Day. Neshaminy High School students spent the day doing Arts & Crafts with many of our residents. Their beautiful art work will be displayed around the building.
During the month of February, we had many great events. Black History Month was celebrated on various days throughout the month with a special luncheon on 2/22 of fried chicken, ribs, mac n 'cheese, collard greens and cornbread. There was a Super Bowl Tailgate Party sponsored by the Sons of the American Legion District 5, February Birthday Bash, bingo’s and live entertainment. We had a special Valentine’s Day cerebration with special food items and live entertainment for our resident’s. The end of February culminated on February 28th, Fat Tuesday. We had a Mardi Gras celebration with food and an entertainer sponsored by Diane Ritchie and VFWA Dept. of PA. I hope all of our residents enjoyed the many festivities during the month of February. We now look forward to March and the 1st day of spring.

You all know that my door is always open for you.

Keep It Moving!
Colorectal (large intestine) cancer rates are rising faster in younger and middle-aged people. The causes aren’t known for sure, but the same things that contribute to the obesity epidemic are suspected. The best prevention is to increase your fiber intake, stay or get active, eat less processed foods and more fruits and vegetables and maintain a healthy weight. All of this helps to keep the food and fluids moving through your system so they have less chance to form toxic byproducts in the large intestine.

March Activities

04 March Bingo Hosted by Firefighters Ladder 31
09 March Birthday Bash
17 March St. Patrick’s Day
19 March Balina Irish Band
24 March Monti Carlo Night Hosted by the VFW Cooties
29 March Personal Income Tax Assistance
30 March Fairless Hills ELKS

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TAPS

Delaware Valley Veterans Home extends its deepest sympathy to the loved ones of the following veterans who have recently passed away. Their presence will be greatly missed.

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Ms. Barbara Ponticello Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Carole Hankinson Price Time Gems Senior Center
Retirees Club Local Union 454 U.B. of C & J of A
Ms. Margaret Jones
Corp. John Loudenslager Am. Legion Post 366
John Billington VFW Post 6495 Ladies Aux.
Mr. Tom Kennedy, Treasurer Bucks County USBV Association (Bowlers)